

AGREEMENT ON JOINT ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

between

NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY (NTU)

and

AUBURN UNIVERSITY (AU)

College of Agriculture

Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

To enhance international collaboration on academic program development and research in the area of economics of aquaculture and fisheries for both institutions, NTU and AU agree to cooperate in the following ways:

1. NTU will send 1 to 2 faculty annually to AU for 2 to 3 months to collaborate with faculty in their disciplines.
2. AU will send 1 to 2 faculty annually to NTU to teach international graduate courses under NTU's requirement. The courses will include course materials used at AU, condensed into a 2 to 3 weeks period.
3. All course materials will be shared with NTU faculty during interchanges.
4. NTU faculty will give seminars and guest lectures at AU during their AU visits.
5. NTU or NTU's donor agencies will be responsible for all travel-related expenses for both NTU and AU faculty members involved in the academic interchanges.
6. NTU will work to find economics/aquaculture/fisheries students as well as students in other disciplines to send to AU to pursue study for graduate M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.
7. Acceptance of NTU graduate students by AU will follow normal application processes with acceptable transcripts, TOEFL and GRE scores.
8. Progress of NTU students toward their degrees will be monitored on an annual basis and this provision revised (for future students admitted under this agreement) if their performance is not deemed acceptable by the Dean of the Graduate School.
9. NTU working with and or through Vietnamese government authorities and donor agencies or personal funds of the students will provide the students with a fellowship to support all expenses including living expenses, health insurance and round trip tickets.
10. Official financial support documents from NTU and or the Vietnamese government and or donor agencies and or the students should be provided to the Dean, AU Graduate School and College of Agriculture contact person (Dr. Curtis M. Jolly).
11. Upon AU acceptance of the financial support documents and the NTU student, AU will provide documentation that supports a tuition fellowship. The Dean of

the Graduate School will provide documentation of these tuition fellowships and other information necessary for student visas.

12. All M.S. students will complete 30 credit hours of course work according to the graduate school requirements. At least 24 hours of this course work will be from graded courses.
13. All Ph.D. students will complete 60 hours of course work according to the graduate school requirements. At least 20 hours will be graded courses taken at AU.
14. AU and NTU faculty will explore opportunities for joint research projects.
15. Dr. Kim Anh Nguyen shall act as Coordinator/liaison for NTU. She shall be responsible for all administrative and academic correspondences, the general operations and performance of this agreement.

This agreement will be effective when fully signed by representations of NTU and



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